measured in terms of the gross value added, are 3.1 per cent per annum and 7.3 per cent per annum, respectively. Gross value added in Agriculture increased by 2.9 per cent in 1993-94 and the advance estimate of growth for 1994-95 is 2.4 per cent. The corresponding figures for the manufacturing sector are 3.6 per cent and 3 7 per cent, respectively.

District level planning

5184. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any district level development plan in the country particularly in the State of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) to (c) The Planning and Development of an area within a State is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. However, in order to operationalise the concept of decentralised planning, Planning Commission has been impressing upon the States to prepare district plans since 1969. To enable the States to prepare district plans, assistance is provided to the States under the scheme strengthening of Planning Machinery at State and District Levels. Planning Commission also had model plans prepared for five districts by National Institute of Rural Development. Guidelines for preparation of District Plans have been circulated to the States in Punjab District Plans approved in meetings of District Planning and Development Boards are sent to the State Planning Department, which finalises the District Plans keeping in view the resources available.

Employment scheme in border areas of Punjab

5185. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate any new programme of employment for the border areas of Punjab;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG). (a) and (b) No proposal for new programme of employment for the Border Areas of Punjab is under consideration of the Planning Commission.

(c) The development of different areas in a State is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. Employment generation is a primary focus of different programmes implemented in various sectors through their Annual Plans. In addition Cenartl Government also provides Special Central Assistance under the Border Areas Development Programme to Punjab. Planning Commission has not received any proposal for new programmes of employment for the border areas of Punjab.